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Dear Committee Members and Senate Leadership,

I moved to North Kingstown (and RI) so my wife and I could raise our 2 daughters in the town my wife and her 5 other brothers and sisters all were raised. It's been great these past couple years, aside from some redistricting conversations that were paused recently after other residents and our community of Reynolds Farm stood up against those rash decisions; and we're standing together again on this, along with Rhode Islanders from all over the state as they are being made more aware of the idea we will become the literal butt end of a joke. I didn't move here so I could move to an area where there would be a pyrolysis plant(or as my daughters call the poop factory) 400 meters behind my house. I also don't want my daughters, or any other children, exposed to a trial run of a technology. Being the guinea pig rarely ever works out for a community. Rhode Island has a bad enough name outside our region in terms of places to live as it relates to costs, taxes, infrastructure, and business environment (but man is it great when it goes from Winter to Summer here); don't make us known as the place where other states send their waste.

I strongly support the introduction and passage of an amended version of S3224 that has the expiration date removed. Our state representatives are already moving the companion legislation forward in the House, and we urgently need our leaders in the Senate to champion this cause as well. I respectfully ask that you vote an amended version of this bill out of committee, recommending passage by the full chamber during this legislative session.

The citizens of North Kingstown do not want a sewage sludge pyrolysis plant in their community. Recent public comments have highlighted grave concerns regarding the accumulation of mercury—a known neurotoxin with long-lasting generational impacts—and benzene, an established class 1 carcinogen for which no safe exposure limit is known. With over 20 other hazardous particles and emissions documented in the pyrolysis plant's minor source air permit application, it is clear that these facilities do not belong in the middle of our homes, schools, and sole water sources. We do not need to wait on commission results to tell us this is the wrong place for this type of technology.

Beyond the immediate need to protect community health, the expedited timeline and negligible public comment opportunities early in this facility's process have severely damaged the community relationship with the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC), an entity critical to both the town and state economy. Passing this bill without an expiration date will give the community the confidence that a new pyrolysis plant under a different LLC is not waiting right around the corner. This foundational safety is a critical precursor to bolstering and repairing the QDC-North Kingstown relationship that has served the state so well over the last several decades.

Thank you for your time and service.

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